

Appl. No. 09/917,870

Reply to Examiner's Action dated January 12, 2006

REMARKS

The Applicants have carefully considered this Application in connection with the Examiner's Action and respectfully request reconsideration of the Application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

The Applicants originally submitted Claims 1-16 in the application. In an Action mailed February 23, 2005, the Examiner allowed Claims 4-15. The Applicants amended Claims 1-16 in their Response filed May 18, 2005. The Applicants amend Claims 4, 6 and 12, Fig. 1 and ¶¶ 0014 and 0017 in this Response. Accordingly, Claims 1-16 are currently pending in the application.

I. Formal Matters and Objections

In an Examiner's Action mailed October 19, 2005, the Examiner requested citation of support for amendments made to the Claims in the Applicants' May 18 Response. The Applicants complied in their Response filed October 26, 2005 by directing the Examiner to Fig. 1 and Fig. 3 of the Application. In the Examiner's Action mailed January 12, the Examiner found the October 26 Response to be unresponsive with respect to the requested citation, and requested additional support for the amendments. In a telephone interview conducted on January 18, 2006 by Andrew Ralston, Reg. No. 55,560, the Examiner clarified the scope of the additional support requested. Accordingly, while Fig. 1 and Fig. 3 fully support the May 18 amendments, the Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner to ¶¶ 0014-0023 of the description, which provide additional, descriptive support. The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' attorney, whose contact information appears at the end of this reply, if further clarification is required. The Applicants appreciate the Examiner's kind assistance in this matter.

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The Applicants respectfully request a refund of the fee accompanying this Response for a two month extension of time to respond to the October 19 Action. In the aforementioned telephone interview, the Applicant's Agent clarified for the Examiner the manner in which Fig. 1 and Fig. 3 support the May 18 amendments. Therefore, the Applicants were fully responsive in the October 26 Response. If a refund is not granted, the Applicants respectfully reserve the right to petition for a refund of the fee.

In this Response, the Applicants have submitted amendments to Claims 4, 6 and 12 to conform the Claims to the Description as filed. Support for these amendments is found in ¶¶ 0020 and 0022 of the Description. The Applicants have also amended Fig. 1 to conform to Claim 1 by adding a new element, "other transmission source 9." Support for this amendment is found in ¶¶ 0014 and 0017, which are amended herein to include the element reference.

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II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants now view all of the Claims currently pending in this application to be in condition for allowance and therefore earnestly solicit a Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-16.

The Applicants request the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 480-8800 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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